

relevant art will recognize that embodiments may be practiced without one or more of these specific details, or with other methods, components, materials, etc. In other instances, well-known structures that are not central to the disclosed principles have not been shown or described in detail to avoid unnecessarily obscuring descriptions of the embodiments. In general, in the claims that follow, the terms used should not be construed to limit the claims to the specific embodiments disclosed in the specification and the claims, but should be construed to include all possible embodiments along with the full scope of equivalents to which such claims are entitled. Accordingly, the claims are not limited by the disclosure.

What is claimed is:

1. A cell phone camera tripod, comprising:
 - a first stand leg having first and second ends;
 - a second stand leg having first and second ends, coupled at the first end to the first end of the first stand leg and configured to rotate, relative to the first stand leg, about a first axis of rotation, the first and second stand legs being configured to rotate into a stowed configuration in which the first and second stand legs lie in a same layer of components; and
 - a stand arm having first and second ends, coupled at the first end to the first stand leg at a point near the first end of the first stand leg and configured to rotate, relative to the first stand leg, about a second axis of rotation, perpendicular to the first axis of rotation, and to rotate into stowed configuration in which the stand arm lies in a second layer of components.
2. The tripod of claim 1, further comprising:
 - a clip-on attachment coupled to the second end of the stand arm and rotatable, relative to the stand arm, about a third axis of rotation, the third axis of rotation lying perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of the stand arm,

the clip-on attachment having a pair of gripping jaws configured to grip and hold a cell phone in a user-selected orientation.

3. The tripod of claim 1, wherein:

contact points at the second end of the first stand leg and at the first and second ends of the second stand leg lie in a common plane, the first axis lying normal to the common plane; and

while the first and second stand legs are in the stowed configuration, the first, second, and third contact points lie on a common line.

4. The tripod of claim 1, wherein the stand arm includes first and second segments configured to rotate, relative to each other, about a third axis, perpendicular to the second axis, the first segment being coupled to the first stand leg.

5. The tripod of claim 4, further comprising;

a cell phone holding element, coupled to the second segment of the stand arm and configured to rotate, relative to the third axis, about a fourth axis, perpendicular to the third axis.

6. The tripod of claim 5 wherein the cell phone holding element is a clip-on attachment, configured to engage a cell phone between spring-driven jaws and hold the cell phone in a user-selected orientation.

7. The tripod of claim 6 wherein the cell phone holding element is a cell phone case.

8. The tripod of claim 1, further comprising;

a third stand leg having first and second legs, coupled at the first end to the first end of the first stand leg and configured to rotate, relative to the first stand leg, about the first axis of rotation about which the first end of the second stand leg also rotates relative to the first stand leg.

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